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Letter dated 8 July 2005 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Niger to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly

On behalf of my Government, I have the honour to write to you concerning our interest in requesting an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations.

I wish to assure you at the outset that we are committed to meeting our financial obligations, despite the difficult challenges facing us. We believe, however, that because of the gravity of the matters before the Organization in the next few months, there are compelling reasons for granting my country such exemption.

It is clear that there is a mounting momentum for the United Nations reform, as evidenced by the lively discussions in which Member States have been engaging under your leadership. The Government of Niger is convinced that the decisions we make prior to and during the Summit in September are of historic importance.

We believe, and we hope you will agree that Member States willing to participate in and contribute to deliberations on United Nations reform should not be excluded from the decision-making process. My Government therefore wishes to request the General Assembly to act expeditiously to grant Niger the exemption under Article 19.

To that end, we would like to ask you to have this important matter taken up by the General Assembly in plenary session at the beginning of July, and to urge all Member States to act swiftly in collective interest of the Organization.

(*Signed*) Boubacar **Boureima**
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